

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 4, page 1 with the following amended paragraph:

--The present invention relates to a pants-type disposable wearing articles for absorption and containment of bodily discharges. The present application is based on, and claims priority from, Japanese Application Serial Number 2003-22646, filed January 30, 2003, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.--